



Will there be any restrictions due to the Coronavirus pandemic?

All warming centers and shelters, regardless of who is running it, will be following current Covid19 CDC guidance.

Please contact your local town to find out if there are any Covid19 restrictions currently in place when a shelter opens.

For more information, contact your town office or dial 211.



Community Shelters & Warming Centers in Knox County



2022 - 2023 Winter Season

COVID-19 Pandemic



Knox County Emergency Management Agency
301 Park Street
Rockland, ME 04841
207-594-5155
www.knoxcountymaine.gov/ema

Community-Run Shelter / Warming Center Locations by Municipality

Please note that any of the listed locations and hours are subject to change based on need and availability of volunteers to staff the warming centers/shelters.

All listed facilities may have added restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, or may not be able to open at all. Since it's not automatic that facilities will open, contact the town office for where the shelter/warming center is located to find out if and when the warming center will be open.

Camden

Camden Opera House

29 Elm Street, Camden

Hrs depend on volunteer availability

Cushing

Town Office

39 Cross Road, Cushing

Will open as needed / Masks required

Friendship

Hahn Community Center

31 Main Street, Friendship

Will open as needed, following CDC guidance

Matinicus Island

Please contact Eva Murray if you have Sheltering needs 366-3695

Rockland

Rockland City Hall

270 Pleasant Street, Rockland

*Open during regular business hrs
&*

Flanagan Community Center
61 Limerock Street, Rockland
Open during regular business hrs

Rockport
Camden Hills Regional High School
25 Keelson Drive, Rockport
&
Rockport Masonic Center
361 Main Street, Rockport

Saint George
St. George School
65 Main Street, St. George
Please use Juniper Street Entrance

South Thomaston
Public Library
8 Dublin Road, So. Thomaston
Hrs dependent on volunteer availability
Everyone must wear masks and have temp checks
&
Spruce Head Community Church
22 Village Rd, Spruce Head
Hrs dependent on volunteer availability
Everyone must wear masks and have temp checks

Thomaston
Thomaston Municipal Building
13 Valley Street, Thomaston

Union
Union Elementary School
1070 Heald Highway, Union
&
Town Office / Fire Station
567 Common Road, Union
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (hrs flexible)

Washington
Mt Olivet Masonic Lodge
42 Liberty Road, Washington
7 a.m. – 7 p.m. when publicly posted

What if my town isn't listed?

Don't worry - some towns are still in the process of developing their plans for a community shelter/warming center, so there may be one available in the future. Also, no one is going to turn you away from their facility even if you're not a resident of that town so find the one that is closest to you that is accepting residents.

How do I find out operation hours and whether it's an overnight shelter or just a warming center?

Contact your town office or the local emergency management director for your municipality and ask. We have listed some hours in this brochure but hours are not written in stone. Some have no set hours; most are flexible based on need and whether there are enough staff to operate them.

You can also **dial 211 to find out what shelters/centers are open in Knox County** as well as information on any number of other services.

Your Community needs volunteers!

Every shelter/warming center that is not run by the Red Cross will need volunteers from the community. Talk to your town about how you can help!

Red Cross Regional Shelters:

- are completely run, funded, staffed and managed by the American Red Cross
- are larger, more formal dormitory operations
- would be set up at one of four pre-designated locations in Knox County
- equipped with a generator
- fully accessible
- have sleeping, showering and restroom facilities
- can provide hot meals
- are staffed with Red Cross volunteers, medical and mental health providers, and security

Generally, only one regional shelter can be opened at a time in Knox County. The decision of which location will open is based on serving the part of the county where the need is greatest. The four possible locations are:

- Camden Hills Regional High School
25 Keelson Drive (Route 90), Rockport
- South School
30 Broadway, Rockland
- Union Elementary School
1070 Heald Highway (Route 17), Union
- Warren Community School
117 Eastern Road, Warren

Unless there is wide-spread need across the county, it is unlikely that the Red Cross will open a regional shelter, so look to your immediate community first for help.

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